

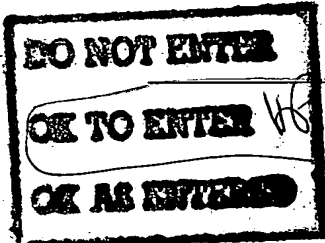


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Bailey et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/418,649 ) Examiner: H. Pratt  
Filed: October 15, 1999 ) Art Unit: 1761  
For: FOOD AND VITAMIN PREPARATIONS ) Batch No.: W40  
CONTAINING THE NATURAL ISOMER )  
OF REDUCED FOLATES )



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
BOX: ISSUE FEE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is being filed in response to the December 15, 2000, Notice of Allowance issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") in connection with the above-identified application. The issue fee for this case is being paid simultaneously with the filing of this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 40-55, as follows:

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40. A composition according to claim 1, wherein said nutritional substance is a food preparation.